

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): An aqueous fluid useful for the recovery of a liquid hydrocarbon from subterranean reservoirs, said aqueous fluid having a pH of greater than 7 and comprising:
  - a) a aqueous media; and
  - b) a surfactant blend, said surfactant blend comprising at least one synthetic polyisobutylene sulfonate surfactant.
2. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 1 wherein said surfactant blend comprises at least one second surfactant selected from the group consisting of sulfonate surfactants, alcohols, nonionic surfactants, and mixtures thereof.
3. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 1 wherein upon contacting said aqueous fluid and said liquid hydrocarbon, the interfacial tension between said aqueous fluid and said liquid hydrocarbon is about  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  dynes/cm to about 0.1 dynes/cm.
4. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 1 wherein upon contacting said liquid hydrocarbon with said aqueous fluid, the interfacial tension between said liquid hydrocarbon and said aqueous fluid is about  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  to about 0.05 dynes/cm.
5. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 1 wherein said synthetic polyisobutylene sulfonate has a molecular weight from about 200 to about 900 g/mole

6. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 1 wherein said synthetic polyisobutylene sulfonate has a molecular weight from about 250 to about 600 g/mole.
7. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 1 wherein said surfactant blend further comprises at least one alkyl-benzyl sulfonate.
8. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 1 wherein said surfactant blend further comprises at least one dodecyl benzene sulfonate.
9. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 1 wherein said fluid comprises from about 0.01% to about 2% by weight of said surfactant blend.
10. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 9 wherein said surfactant blend comprises from about 10% to about 40% by weight synthetic polyisobutylene surfactant.
11. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 9 wherein said surfactant blend comprises from about 5% to about 30% by weight of at least one alkyl benzene sulfonate surfactant.
12. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 9 wherein said surfactant blend further comprises an alcohol at a concentration from about 2% to about 20% by weight of the surfactant blend.
13. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 1 wherein said surfactant blend further comprises at least one alcohol and at least one alkyl benzene sulfonate.
14. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 1 further comprising from about 0.01%

15. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 1 further comprising from about 0.01% to about 0.75% by weight of at least one alkaline material.
16. (original): The composition of claim 1 further comprising a water soluble polymeric viscosifier.
17. (original): The aqueous fluid of claim 1 wherein said aqueous fluid has improved stability of greater than 24 hours without precipitation.

Claims 18-23 (canceled)